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REMARKS**INTRODUCTION**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 7, 10, 14, 16, 20, 22, 33, 36, and 39 have been amended, and claims 5, 6, 15, 17, 21, 30-32 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-4, 7-14, 16-20, 22-29, 33-44, and 46-48 are pending, and claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-29, 33-38, and 42-43 are under consideration.

ENTRY OF AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT

It is respectfully requested that this After Final Amendment be entered and reconsideration given to the allowability of the pending claims. The above amendments merely incorporate similar allowable features from previously allowable claims 31-33, with differing scope and breadth. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all the independent claims now include allowable subject matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no new issues have been raised and that no additional search will be required.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this After Final Amendment be entered and reconsideration given to the allowability of the claims.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 103

Claims 1-4, 7-12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-29, 33-38, and 42-43 stand rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over Osborne, U.S. Patent No. 5,797,279, in view of Bustos et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,458,407. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By way of review and only as an example, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite that refrigerator has an upper and lower cabinets, a base member having a cool air generating part, a shaft rotatably supporting the cabinets, supplying the cabinets with the cool air generated by the cool air generating part, and exhausting the air in the cabinets to the cool air generating part for recycling the air.

Osborne sets forth a refrigeration system (see 10 in Fig. 1) including a refrigerator (20) and a vertical shaft (30) and compartmentalized drums (see 40, 50 and 60 in Fig. 4) installed in the refrigerator (20), as also shown in Fig. 3. The combined structure of the vertical shaft, the compartmentalized drums, etc., installed in the refrigerator (20), is further shown in Fig. 5.